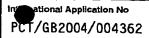
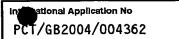
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Claims Nos.: 23, 24, 27, 30, 31

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - The method claims 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 relate to a method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy and/or surgery. Acne vulgaris (page 1, line 12) is a disease, the same applies for skin ulcers and skin cancers (page 10, lines 21-24). Hence, a method claim directed to the treatment of such conditions has essentially a therapeutical character. The additional cosmetic effects are seen as an bonus effect. In addition, the partial ablation referred to on page 3, lines 1-6 and the killing of hair cells (page 10, lines 17-21) relates to a method for treatment by surgery. Claims 26, 28, 29 are only searched insofar they relate to the cosmetic treatment of teeth (whitening).

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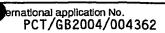
Claims Nos.: 32

Claim 32 comprises only a global reference to the drawings so that it is not clear which features are to be searched (cf. Rule 6.2a PCT).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)
This international Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. X Claims Nos.: 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. X Claims Nos.: 32 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:
As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
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